

## Abstract of the Disclosure

Various embodiments are described herein to address the need for  
5 providing and maintaining F-PDCH service to an MS (103). Upon receiving an  
indication that the MS intends to switch from a F-PDCH of a serving cell (132)  
to a F-PDCH of a target cell (142) for continued data transmission service, the  
network equipment (e.g., BSs 120, 130, and/or 140) determines whether the  
target cell is presently available to provide the F-PDCH service to the MS.  
10 When the selected cell is not able to support F-PDCH service for the MS  
(e.g., because of F-PDCH loading, quality of service requirements, etc.), the  
network equipment sends an indication to the MS that the target cell is  
presently unavailable to provide F-PDCH data transmission service to the MS.  
Thus, the MS is able to abort switching to the selected cell and prevent  
15 losing its F-PDCH service as a result.